

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claims 11-14 and AMEND claim 10 in accordance with the following:

Claims 1-9 (cancelled)

10. (currently amended) An electronic multimedia object management apparatus for managing electronic multimedia objects related to jobs performed ~~in~~ corporate organizations and to be distributed to the corporate organizations, comprising:

a storage unit which stores the electronic multimedia objects and a plurality of distribution target management tables corresponding to the electronic multimedia objects, each distribution target management table including attribute information comprising at least a corporate organization code and a corporate organization name corresponding to a distribution target of the corresponding electronic multimedia object;

a communication unit in communication with a plurality of enterprise department servers and a master server, each enterprise department server managing at least one corporate organization and storing job information defining a job of the at least one corporate organization, the master server storing a plurality of master tables corresponding to the enterprise department servers, each master table including master attribute information comprising at least a master corporate organization code and a master corporate organization name of the at least one corporate organization managed by the corresponding enterprise department server; ~~and~~

a processing unit which, according to a predetermined cycle, for each electronic multimedia object stored in the storage unit,

reads the attribute information in the corresponding distribution target management table stored in the storage unit, and reads the master attribute information in the master tables stored in the master server through the communication unit,

compares the corporate organization code and the corporate organization name of the read attribute information of the distribution target management table with the master

corporate organization code and the master corporate organization name of the read master attribute information,

retrieves from the enterprise department server corresponding to the master corporate organization code of the read master attribute information, through the communication unit, the job information defining the job of the at least one corporate organization stored in the enterprise department server, if determined that at least one of the corporate organization code and the corporate organization name of the read attribute information of the distribution target management table coincides with at least one of the master corporate organization code and the master corporate organization name of the read master attribute information,

determines whether the job defined by the retrieved job information coincides with a job to which the electronic multimedia object relates, and

rewrites the attribute information in the corresponding distribution target management table of the electronic multimedia object, if determined that the attribute information of the distribution target management table does not coincide with the master attribute information and that the retrieved job information coincides with the job to which the electronic multimedia object relates, by replacing another one of the corporate organization code and the corporate organization name of the read attribute information included in the distribution target management table, which does not coincide with the one of the master corporate organization code and the master corporate organization name of the read master attribute information, with the one of the master corporate organization code and the master corporate organization name of the read master attribute information, such that the read attribute information in the distribution target management table of the electronic multimedia object coincides with the master attribute information; and

an electronic mail outputting unit which automatically outputs an electronic mail to a corporate organization identified by the one of the master corporate organization code and the master corporate organization name that is used by said processing unit to replace the other one of the corporate organization code and the corporate organization name of the read attribute information of the distribution target management table, if a reply confirming that replacement is correct is received from the corporate organization within a predetermined time period from a time the electronic mail is output by said electronic mail outputting unit.

Claims 11-14 (cancelled)